

Semiquincentennial Committee (Menotomy 250)

Meeting No. 6: April 12, 2023 (*via Zoom*), 7:00 PM

Committee members attending: Angela Olszewski (co-chair), Stewart Ikeda, Bob Tosi, Beth Locke, Paul Fennelly, John Hurd (co-chair) and Michael Ruderman. Jim Doherty, and Crystal Beauchemin of the Human Rights Committee also attended until 7:50 PM. All votes taken were unanimous and taken by roll call.

We welcome Paul Fennelly, appointee of the Arlington delegation to the multi-town Battle Road Scenic Byway Committee. Paul is also Arlington's representative to the Commonwealth's 250th American Revolution Anniversary Commission, created in Section 132 of the state's FY 2022 budget.

Stewart reports our interest survey has had about 20 respondents. Michael will email all those who submitted email addresses a welcoming note and information on coming meetings.

A virtual forum was held April 3. Next outreach meetings will both be live: on April 30 at Robbins Library at 3:00, and at the Community Center on Thursday, May 11 at 1:00 PM. Also, the program portion of the Arlington Historical Society's March 25 meeting will be an illustrated talk by Michael entitled "The Battle of Menotomy."

Minutes of the meeting of March 30 were approved.

We have been invited to send representatives to a joint meeting with Lexington, Concord and Lincoln. The purpose will be to formulate a joint budget request for state money. The first two towns have already been working on a draft request for proposals.

John instructed us that while the activities of the committee as a whole would be governed by the state's Open Meeting Law, the work and the suggestions of the subgroups would not be, if they did not have separate budgets, and were not taking their own votes on actions.

Angela is starting to form the Outreach subcommittee, and Stewart is collecting names for the History and Education group. We already have a request for a submission to Discover Concord magazine that Michael is writing, and there may be the opportunity to join in the podcasts that Freedoms Way National Heritage Area is offering.

Next meeting: May 9 at 7:00 PM by Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8:15 PM. Minutes taken by Michael Ruderman.

Members of the Committee as of this date, by their Appointing Authorities	
Select Board	John Hurd
School Committee	
Arlington Tourism and Economic Development (A-TED) Committee	Angela Olszewski
Town Meeting (<i>per</i> the Moderator)	Michael Ruderman
Arlington Historical Society	Bob Tosi
Arlington Delegation to the Battle Road Scenic Byway Committee	Paul Fennelly
Chamber of Commerce	Beth Locke
Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture	Stewart Ikeda
Menotomy Minutemen	Jacob Schiller
Appointees of the Select Board (2)	